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WA4 QSL BUREAU CHANGES

The QSL Bureau for WA4, WB4 and WN4 amateurs has been transferred from Richard Tesar, WA4WIP, to J. R. Baker, W4LR

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Mr. Baker formerly operated the W1 QSL Bureau, when he held the call W1JOJ.

Hearty thanks to WA4WIP for a job very well done! (Other info on the Bureau: page 82 this issue.)

TECHNICIANS ELIGIBLE FOR NOVICE

A new interpretation of its rules by FCC permits Technicians who have never had any other license to take the Novice test. The new privilege came in a letter answering the question of an individual. Pertinent portions are:

"The Commission's Rules permit a current holder of a Technician Class amateur license who has never been issued a Novice Class amateur license or never has been a former holder of an amateur license of any class to apply for the Novice Class license. . . ." — *James E. Barr, Chief, Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau.*

Applicants for Novice locate a volunteer examiner themselves. This person must be a citizen over 21, who holds a General, Advanced or Extra Class license; or who holds a commercial radiotelegraph license issued by FCC; or is currently the operator of a manually-operated radiotelegraph station in the service of the U.S.

The applicant secures an FCC form 610 from any office of the Commission. He gets together with his volunteer examiner and takes the code test. He then sends the Form 610 and a letter by the examiner certifying to the results of the code test to the FCC, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325. (ARRL form S-45 may be used in place of the letter; send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Hq. with your request.)

The test papers will be sent in two or three weeks to the examiner, not the applicant. The material must be returned in twenty days.

CANADA REVISES 160 METERS

To accommodate the expansion of the Loran-A radionavigation service, reported here last month, the Canadian Department of Transport has drafted a new list of frequency assignments for 1.8 to 2.0 MHz. (See chart on p.69). The probable effective date of the rules change is July 1.

John G. Doyle, W9GPI

QST regrets to report the death, on May 13, 1968, of Jack Doyle, W9GPI — ARRL director from the Central Division for more than eight years, and a member of the ARRL Executive Committee for nearly half that time. He had to resign both posts in January 1963, when the illness of a son required him to put more time into the family automobile agency in Milwaukee, Wis. Jack was a past president of the Wisconsin Council of Radio Clubs, a Life Member of the Milwaukee Radio Amateur Club, served several hitches as vice president and director, and at the time of his death was editor of its paper, *Hamateur Chatter*. In 1948, W9GPI served as general chairman for the ARRL National Convention in Milwaukee. Jack will be keenly missed by the amateurs in the Central Division, and by the gang "behind the Codfish Curtain," as Jack referred to anything east of the Hudson.

MORE AMATEUR RADIO WEEKS

Amateur Radio Week has been proclaimed in Florida by its Governor for the past 12 years; this year it's June 16 through 23. In Cleveland, it was April 23–30, keeping step with the state of Ohio, whose date coincides with the Dayton Hamvention. Back east, the "whaling city," New Bedford, Mass., chose May 26 through June 2 for its observance.

VISITORS MAY USE VOX

Another in a series of FCC interpretations of its rules concerns the use of voice-operated break-in by unlicensed visitors. Again, this is not a new rule, but it is worth an occasional repeat.

"Section 97.79 of the Rules provides that when an amateur station is used for telephony, the station licensee may permit any person to transmit by voice, provided, that during such transmissions call signs are announced as prescribed by Section 97.87 of the rules and a duly licensed amateur operator maintains actual control over the emissions, including turning the carrier on and off for each transmission and signing the station off after communication with each station has been completed.

"It will be noted that while unlicensed persons may not *manipulate* the controls of an amateur transmitter, they may transmit by voice and announce call signs, except for signing the station off after communication with each station has been completed. The same limitations apply in